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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15, 23-26, 30-32 and 37-38 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 23, 30 and 37 are independent. Claims 16-22, 27-29, 33-36 and 39-40 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the restriction requirement by the Examiner. None of the claims has been amended. Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 1-15, 23-26, 30-32 and 37-38.

I. Election/Restrictions Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required an election of one of the following two species of the claimed invention: "(a) a species of key distribution system and method wherein cryptographic keys are retrieved from a key source as shown in figures 7-8; and (b) a species of key distribution system and method wherein cryptographic keys are extracted from cable channels by a cable signal decoder as shown in figures 9-10."

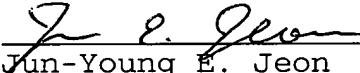
Applicants note that FIG. 11 also shows a key source, and therefore, applicants elect a species for prosecution on the merits as disclosed in FIGs. 7, 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 121. These correspond to claims 1-15, 23-26, 30-32 and 37-38. Therefore, applicants elect claims 1-15, 23-26, 30-32 and 37-38 herein for further prosecution on the merits. As such, claims 16-22, 27-29, 33-36 and 39-40 are withdrawn from consideration herein.

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II. Concluding Remarks

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully request an early issuance of a patent with claims 1-15, 23-26, 30-32 and 37-38. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is cordially invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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